

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2012

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SENATE BILL NO. 81

Introduced by: Senators Brown and Haverly and Representatives Cronin, Gosch, Hansen (Jon), and Hawley

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a special license plate for certain persons on
2 active duty in the military.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 32-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 An owner of a motor vehicle, who is a resident of this state, who has a valid South Dakota
7 driver's license, and who signs an affidavit attesting to the fact that he or she is currently serving
8 on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, may apply to the secretary to receive a
9 set of special motor vehicle license plates designating the person is serving on active duty. If an
10 owner of a motor vehicle falsely attests that he or she is serving on active duty in the armed
11 forces of the United States, the owner is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. The plate may allow
12 for additional indication of the rank or status of the active duty servicemember. The special
13 plates shall be displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The special license plate shall be reflectorized
14 and validated each year with a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial license plate. In
15 addition to the noncommercial license plate fees an additional fee of ten dollars shall be charged



1 for the special license plates. However, no additional fee may be charged for the renewal
2 stickers placed on the special license plates. If it is determined that the activity duty
3 servicemember does not qualify for the special plates or if the member dies, the plates shall be
4 surrendered to the county treasurer of the applicant's residence. If an active duty servicemember
5 leaves active duty, the special plates may be exchanged for special plates for honorably
6 discharged veterans pursuant to § 32-5-109.4 upon the expiration of the renewal stickers. If the
7 member dies, the special plates may be retained by the member's family but may not be
8 displayed on the vehicle beyond the expiration of the plates or renewal stickers. The treasurer
9 shall notify the secretary who shall make the necessary changes in the registration file. Failure
10 to surrender the special license plates as required by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.